

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3".

IN THE ABSTRACT

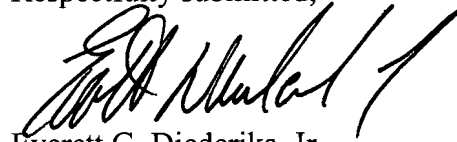
Line 3, delete "MICROARRAY SLIDES".

Line 10, below the Abstract, delete "[Fig. 1]".

REMARKS

The above minor changes have been made, without the introduction of any new matter, to better present the specification and claims in uniformity with the overall invention disclosed and in conformity with U.S. practice. In any event, following entry of this Preliminary Amendment, examination of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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